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**Inquiry:** Under Legislative intent of the California Business and Professions Code, Division 2 Chapter 8.3, Section 3701, Respiratory Care Practitioners have an "existence of overlapping functions" within the health care system between physicians, RN's, RCP's and other licensed health care professionals.

Would it be within the scope of practice for a respiratory care practitioner to perform laser hair removal?

**Response:** I would agree that the statement referring to overlapping functions may seem to have limitless applications; however, It is the Board's opinion that allowing Respiratory Care Practitioners to perform laser hair removal would not be included as acceptable under the current scope of practice

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